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Mark Becker murder trial evokes mixed feelings from community

DANIELLE KRAMER STAFF WRITER

Eight months after the murder of football coach Ed Thomas, Parkersburg residents are reliving the tragic day as the trial of Mark Becker, who's charged with Thomas's murder, continues.

On June 24, 2009, the Aplington-Parkersburg High School football coach was gunned down in the school's weight room.

The trial, which began on February 12 in Allison, has brought back memories for area residents, including some Wartburg students who knew Thomas.

"For kids my age it's especially hard because [Thomas] was seen as a fatherly figure and [we saw] him around every day in school. We all just want justice," said Wartburg freshman Danielle Miller.

According to the Iowa attorney general's office, Becker, 24, plead "not guilty" to the first-degree murder charges and said he was insane at the time of the shooting.

Waverly police said the biggest

issue for the jury to decide is whether or not Becker was sane during the time of the offense, not based on his condition before or after.

Bremer County Attorney Kasey Wadding added that the case is not based on "who dun it?" but rather "why?"

"The jury will base their decision on whether or not Mark was acting at such a diseased state of mind that he was insane," said Wadding.

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- Danielle Miller

Wadding said if Becker is found to have been insane at the time of the shooting, he could be held in custody, most likely at a mental health institution, until he is no longer a danger to himself or others.

Wadding added that if so, Becker could be free within a few years or even months, depending on how quickly he recovers.

If Becker is found guilty of the premeditated murder, he could be detained in a facility for a long

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U.S. Senator Charles Grassley spoke during the Iowa Student Congress dinner Friday, Feb. 12. Twelve schools were involved in the weekend where a formal constitution was developed for the organization.

Iowa Student Congress develops constitution

MAC SLAVIN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Student government leaders from twelve schools visited Wartburg's campus on Feb. 12 and 13 to help ratify a constitution for the Iowa Student Congress.

"It was really effective to have all the schools from Iowa come together to work on it and have everyone contribute," student body vice president Trevor Carolan said.

Members from Coe, Wartburg, Dordt, Drake, Central, St. Ambrose, Luther, Briar Cliff, Buena Vista, Loras

and the University of Iowa have agreed to take the constitution back to their student senates. The separate student senates have to agree on the constitution to officially become members of the Iowa Student Congress.

During the weekend, the group worked on creating and revising the constitution and came up with an executive council made of five positions. Each position is voted on at large.

The positions include: Executive Chairman, Secretary

of Lobbying, Secretary of Public Relations, Secretary of Treasury and Secretary of Logistics.

"I think it says a lot about our generation, many people think that the youth are disinterested in politics ... but there are a group of people in our generation that are very set on advocating," student body president Abhay Nadipuram said.

Nadipuram said he was happy that the weekend went

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Dubuque bans hand-held cell phone use while driving; text bans also being considered

MARIBEL LOPEZ STAFF WRITER

After thousands of people have died and have become injured from cell phone use while driving, according to the Pew Research Center, Iowa's legislature is taking measures to prevent any further casualties.

While Iowa's legislature is considering a new law banning texting, Dubuque has banned all hand-held cell phone use.

Dubuque County native Chelsey Kramer found out about the cell phone ban recently and said she thinks the law will prevent unnecessary accidents, but she said it will definitely be a big change.

"I have to say I am guilty of using my cell phone a lot while driving. I use it pretty much every time I drive my car. Not using my phone will definitely be a challenge," Kramer said.



Abbie Baker/TRUMPET

Iowa is one of 23 states that is considering a ban on texting while driving. Nineteen states already have texting bans.

of accidents and tickets after this law has been implemented.

"Instead of only not talking on my phone while driving at home, I'm going to start not using it while I'm driving anywhere—Dubuque or not. I think if I just

will be interested to see the data

try to remember not to use it when I'm back in Dubuque, I'll get myself in trouble," Cain said.

One in four American teens admitted to texting while driving and half of them said they have been a passenger to a texting driver, according to recent surveys conducted by the Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project.

Iowa's legislature is currently debating whether or not texting while driving should be banned for everyone, regardless of age.

David Nuetzman said he has texted while driving but thinks the ban is a good idea.

"Even though I do it, I would probably agree with it because it is unsafe and a distraction," he said.

Iowa is currently one of 23 states debating on whether texting while driving should be banned;

nineteen states already prohibit it for all drivers and nine states have banned it for teens.

While it may seem tempting at times to text, Kayla Chapin said

1.6 MILLION
car crashes in the U.S. associated
with cell phone use

5,870
people killed each year because
of driving while using their
cell phone

19
states prohibit texting while
driving

Source: Pew Research Center

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Classmates want justice for Becker

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time.

However, according to a study in the Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, only one percent of felony cases use insanity as a defense and only one-quarter of those cases are ever successful.

"I believe Mark needs to serve his time for murder," said Miller. "It's like any other murder trial."

The dispute over Becker's fate has caused many Parkersburg residents to feel uneasy as they await the outcome of the trial, Miller said. The trial will continue until all witnesses have testified and the jury has a verdict.

"It's very hard because I did go to high school with Mark and know that things have gone drastically different in his life," Devin Claassen said. "He was a very kind person in school, but was also close with Coach Thomas and I would love to see justice for him."

Miller and Claassen said the community is being very supportive of both the Thomas and Becker families, understanding that they are all coping with the painful situation.

"I haven't heard much animosity toward Mark himself, but people definitely feel for his family," said Claassen. "Everyone has their own opinion on what the verdict should be, but will support the families no matter what it is."

Sheree Covert, Wartburg College registrar, said Becker attended Wartburg for the fall semester in 2004 as a business administration major, but dropped out after one semester.

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Trumpet receives honors at ACP Conference

The Association for Collegiate Press awarded the Trumpet staff five awards at the "Best of Midwest" conference in Minneapolis on February 14:

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Mac Slavin

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The Wartburg dance team performed in shirts dedicated to Nico Kadimoke at half time of the Knight's game vs. Loras. The profits from sale of the shirts went to Kadimoke's family as well as the Lupus Foundation.

Dancers unite to raise money for a cure for lupus

RACHEL BIEDERMANN STAFF WRITER

Members of the Wartburg Dance Team fund raised money and dedicated this year's annual co-ed performance in memory of Nico Kadimoke, an '09 Wartburg alum, who died of lupus Jan. 13.

The money raised was a way to give back to both Kadimoke and to the Lupus Foundation, Jenn Domino, captain of the dance team, said.

"When Nico was here he was really a huge part of our team and we wanted to find a way to honor him," Domino said.

The dance team's coach, Kendra Christensen, suggested selling the T-shirts for \$15, and Domino and other members of

the team helped fundraise. Half of the proceeds will go to funeral costs and Kadimoke's family and the other half will go to the Lupus Foundation, Domino said.

The dance team did more than just sell T-shirts to raise awareness for their cause.

"We made a Facebook group which helped get attention and we sold almost over 100 shirts," Domino said.

According to the Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research, lupus is not curable and does not have an exact cause. It is a chronic disease that can damage any part of the body including skin, joints and organs inside the body. The

symptoms can last from six weeks to many years and an immune system cannot tell the difference between foreign invaders and healthy tissues.

The dance team felt like this was a worthy cause to contribute to, Christensen said.

"It doesn't seem right not to do something," she said.

On Feb. 17, the girls on the dance team sported purple shirts, while the guys were decked out in black as a part of remembering Kadimoke in their coed performance.

"It will be like having him there with us," Christensen said.

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Student governments unite as they work toward the future

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well, and foresees the group helping colleges immensely.

He said it's going to be great for colleges to get together to advocate for students as a unified group.

"What we see in the future is legislators coming to lobby us and wanting us to take stances on certain issues; that's where I think this organization is going to go," Nadipuram said.

Another use for the group is uniting schools facing the same problems.

"It was important to get the contacts we had from other leaders of student governments, so that when problems come up we might need other opinions on, we can call up these other student body officials to see how they are dealing with the same problem," Carolan said.

The Iowa Student Congress will convene again in the fall at one of the college's campuses to discuss the direction of the organization.

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Texting bill towers over Congress

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she doesn't text while driving because most of the time she is driving her workplace's company van.

"I'm usually delivering flower arrangements so I'm busy looking for houses and need to focus on what I'm doing," said Chapin. "Plus, it's not my vehicle and I'm currently the only college-aged person that works there so I don't want to be that 22-year old who wrecks the company van because I was texting."

This is common among many workplaces according to an article in the Des Moines Register. Many employers have established rules or guidelines within their company to prevent such incidents, but for the state of Iowa, this may not be enough.

State Representative Pat Grassley, R-District 17 said the texting bill was debated Feb. 9 in the Transportation Committee.

"I understand there may be changes to the bill. I am waiting to see what language comes out of this committee before I make a decision on the bill," said Grassley.

A variety of cell-phone bills were introduced to Iowa's legislature, including a complete ban on texting, \$100 fines, "reckless driving" punishments/ fines and hands-free cell phone use only.

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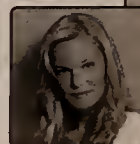
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WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND:

Therapy through journaling

TORRIE JOCHIMS GUEST COLUMNIST

My first year at Wartburg College has been a little bit of everything. It has been full of experiences that I wouldn't trade for the world,



and lessons that I've learned about other people as well as myself. Lately I've realized that each day is full

of all these little nuggets of knowledge. All these little golden opportunities to unlock a little more of the world. And I have found that the best way for me to remember every day here, is to journal.

I've been journaling seriously since my junior year of high school, but it's always been more of a practice in continued writing more than anything else.

The great thing about it, though, is that writing in a journal can hold almost a healing power. You open to a blank page and it is entirely yours to fill with whatever you may choose. There is nothing on that page until you decide to put it there. I feel that this is a brilliant power to have. And the thing about journals is, they don't judge. They aren't there to take what you have to say and give you advice about it, or attack you because of what you wrote. Instead, it's just there to help you let it all out. To record all the beautiful moments and help you

get through the tragic ones.

College is a crazy ride, that's one thing I know for sure from my experiences at Wartburg so far, and with that ride comes a whole host of conflicting emotions. It's been a great relief to be able to look back at pages and see what I wrote when in various states of mind. It has helped me come to certain decisions, to skim through the pages of the journals I've filled (I'm on my third this year).

I believe their greatest power, though, is in the memories they help me hold on to. There's a collection of what this year has been all about in those pages, and I am constantly thankful for the chance to go back and appreciate what each of those individual moments meant to me.

Journaling can be a form of therapy, if you let it. I'm not necessarily suggesting that you all take up journaling daily, as that is a habit that took me quite awhile to ease into myself, but it might not be the worst of ideas to keep a notebook around, to have when you need to scribble down that great idea you had, that dream you don't want to forget, or that moment that you want to trap in time and be able to relive again later.

The act of journaling is sort of like creating a running time capsule of your life in words, and that's an act worth practicing, if you ask me.

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TRUMPET EDITORIAL: Texting ban misses the mark

With the commencement of the 2010 legislative session, state lawmakers are wasting time and money debating an unenforceable law on texting while driving. Not only does the proposed law disregard current research, it also overlooks other commonly used functions of cell phones.

A study published by the Highway Loss Data Institute in December 2009, found that despite several U.S. states enacting a texting ban, the number of traffic accidents in these states have not declined. If initial research illustrates the ban does not reduce the number of crashes, why is

our state legislature allocating so much time and money on this issue?

If, however, Iowa lawmakers do feel a texting ban is needed, it seems necessary to further refine the ban, as the current proposal is too vague. The bill discusses banning the use of text-based communication; which includes, but is not limited to text messages, instant messaging and e-mail.

On the surface this seems to be sufficient, but the proposed bill fails to include social media and other common cell phone applications, such as Twitter, Facebook and GPS services.

Additionally, the ban does not address picture messaging, which is a function of multimedia message services (MMS). While the bill addresses short messaging services (SMS), it neglects MMS.

While it is the lawmakers' duty to ensure the safety of all citizens, enacting a law on cell phone usage seems erroneous and premature.

Perhaps not every problem needs to be addressed by the checks and balances of the legal system, but rather, by individuals taking responsibility for their own actions.

A WORD FROM THE WISE: Practicing Faith

RAMONA BOUZARD
DEAN OF THE CHAPEL

She towered above her students communicating clear, concise expectations. A woman of few words and little praise, she was my piano and organ teacher. I cried a lot in my lessons because I knew what a

disappointment I was to her. She knew I was long on sight-reading and short on actual practice.

My teacher was right to be disapproving. It would have been a lie for her to pretend it didn't matter how well I lived out my professed love of music. But she didn't kick me out of her studio and I continued to work and play with the music she taught me until a few days before I left for college. Sometimes I practiced organ and piano for hours every night.



Mostly I just thought about it and moved on to other things.

I think of my teacher and as I hear the beautiful instrumental and vocal music on this campus, I wonder how much better I would have been if I had more regularly exercised my fingers on the keyboard and my legs and feet on the pedals. As I experience the results of academic, athletic, service and co-curricular accomplishment at Wartburg, I think of all the daily practice that goes into them. It makes me wonder why I so stubbornly refused to do the daily exercising of body, spirit, and mind that would have brought more accomplishment, joy, and skill to the things I said I loved the most in life.

As the Christian church enters into the forty days of the Lenten season, I recall my teacher and the daily life of faith that we are called to exercise. God instructs us to exercise the gifts of the Holy

Spirit – faith, hope, love every day. What amazing gifts we have and yet we choose not to practice them, as if they were some kind of magical actions that we receive as we sleep. Still, God perseveres – teaching us, loving us, and waiting with hope for the day when we'll passionately practice those gifts.

I never felt close to my teacher. I didn't love and adore her. I didn't keep in touch with her or even thank her for the gifts she gave me. But I know that the music she taught me was pure grace. So also, God does not depend on our praise and thanks, our closeness or good feelings, our attention or inattention. Instead, God patiently teaches, loves, saves and directs all of creation to exercise these gifts we've received, practicing them well, for the benefit of our neighbor, for love of our world and for the amazement of all.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This past week, the Wartburg community celebrated Philanthropy Week – an opportunity to create awareness of the vital role philanthropy plays in the life of the college.

Philanthropic support of educational institutions is something we often take for granted. Whether you are a Wartburg student or a member of the faculty and staff, you benefit from the gifts of others. Last week's Tuition Freedom Day on Feb. 16 was a symbolic reminder

that tuition covers only two-thirds of the actual cost of a Wartburg education. From now until the end of the year, gifts from alumni, parents and friends help make up the difference. It's a concept I wish I had understood better when I was a student.

Last week, more than 70 scholarship donors were on campus to meet the students who benefit from their generosity. Throughout the campus, you see the names of donors who have helped provide Wartburg

with facilities or established endowments to support faculty positions. On a daily basis, gifts to the Annual Fund enhance your Wartburg education or your work at the college.

Philanthropy Week reminds us to thank the donors whose gifts enrich our lives. It also challenges us to pay it forward for future generations. Every penny counts!

Kendra Kehe Merfeld '99
Director of the Annual Fund

Choice Words | WARTBURG SOUNDS OFF

"Dear boys downstairs,
I appreciate your love of video games, but honestly, is it really needed to yell at the top of your lungs at each other when you're in the same room? At 1:30 AM? Don't you have homework to do?"
-The Girls Upstairs

"Dear Picasso,
Next time you have an urge to express your artistic skills and draw something with crayons use a coloring book instead of walls."
-Van Gogh

"It is nice to know that when you fall down on the sidewalk there are random people to help you up and hand you your choice words... now if only there was someone to shovel the sidewalk..."
-Snow Angels

"Yes, blood drive table worker, I do like saving lives. I just don't like needles. Please don't make me feel like a bad person for not donating blood. I find other ways to help!"
-I Do What I Can!

"To the ghost in the skywalk from Luther Hall to WBC: Please stop opening the automatic door for me when I don't press the button. The gesture is nice, but a little eerie."
- Self Sufficient Student

"Definitely just ate 11 mini Kit-Kats in 30 minutes. Thanks suitemates for getting a candy dish for the room. The muffin top appreciates it."
-Candy Woman

Snowmen on campus /
Someone reads Calvin & Hobbes /
I hope for snow sharks
-Haiku/Snow Art Aficionado

"Dear Wartburg Security,
Do you really have nothing else to do at 2:53 a.m. than issue parking tickets?"
-Ticket Master

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NEWS

AN EARTHQUAKE'S TREMORS FELT AROUND THE WORLD

Haiti hits home

SECOND OF THREE STORIES

RACHEL BIEDERMANN STAFF WRITER

After a long day of building projects in Haiti, members from the Mission E4 headed back on two buses that went down a road as it headed up a steep incline. Vendors were set up along the walls by the side of the street while the other side was decorated by buildings. Suddenly a loud crash erupted as one section of the wall crumbled down and the buses jerked to a stop. The bus began to rock back and forth like a boat, and the wheels were lifting off the ground.

"That's when we realized it was an earthquake," Lindsay Pruis, a junior from Luther College said.

As people ran for their lives in Haiti, a lot was running through the minds of loved ones back in the United States.

"All that was going through my mind was fear. I wasn't sure if I would be able to get a hold of Lindsay or if she could communicate," Bailey Meiklejohn, a junior at Wartburg College said.

Meiklejohn and Pruis have been friends since middle

school and attended the same church.

Pruis went with an organization called Mission E4. Previously, the organization helped set up orphanages, schools, clinics and stores. A team of 37 members was going to complete several building projects and perform Christian children's programs at the schools. Plans drastically changed after the earthquake, Pruis said.

"The ground itself looked like a wave was going through it and one side of the earth would come up three or four feet and then come back down...it lasted about 30 seconds and then it was mass chaos in the streets," she said.

Pruis, a nursing student, encountered more than just what was seen on the streets...she was called to do procedures that she wouldn't be allowed to perform in America. Only doctors would normally treat many of the wounds she encountered, Pruis said.

"Choosing whether someone will forever be missing a limb or not is terrifying, but I did the best I could to use my medical knowledge to make decisions," she said.

The worst thing Pruis encountered at the medical clinic was seeing a

girl around six years old getting her fingers amputated. The girl's fingers were turned all different directions and her bones were sticking out everywhere.

"The only pain medication we had available was Tylenol. Her screams were unbelievable...I will never forget the sight and sound of that," Pruis said.

Despite being worried, Meiklejohn said she was able to keep her bearings through her faith.

"It was comforting to turn to God...prayer kind of relaxed me. It was also nice to turn to my roommates that night to comfort me," Meiklejohn said.

Pruis agreed that one of the most important things people in America can do is to pray for those in Haiti.

"It was the most powerful thing we experienced in Haiti. We could literally feel the prayers," Pruis said.

Amidst the chaos and devastation, Pruis and her group were able to keep their focus centered on the need at hand.

"We never once feared for our own lives, only those of the Haitians who were suffering so much," Pruis said.

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Top: Pruis gives a blanket she knitted to a baby with a broken arm.

Bottom: Pruis treats a victim of the earthquake at the clinic in Leogane.

Submitted Photos

Opera Workshop infused with humor

RACHEL BIEDERMANN STAFF WRITER

An orchestra of laughs and dueling vibrato pitches could be heard from the Lyceum Thursday and Friday during the opera workshop's "Albert Herring," a comic English opera by composer Benjamin Britten.

The opera was arranged by Brian Pfaltzgraf, associate professor of music, and Jennifer Larson, assistant professor of music, who provided musical direction for the performers.

The opera was based in a small town in England during the 1900s. A group of elders are in charge of selecting a May Queen, someone who is pure and symbolizes the coming of spring, but come up short in their search.

"None of the girls in town are considered pure enough. One may be wearing a skirt that is a little too short or opening a door to a postman with nothing but a nightgown on," Pfaltzgraf said.

Since the town's elders are unable to select a May Queen, they turn to Albert Herring as a May King, who has always been "tied to his mom's apron's strings" and has never experienced recklessness. Albert is under high expectations to be pure and never having the choice to grow up, so he takes the prize money and spends it on loose living and alcohol.

"This particular author is every bit fresh today as he was 45 years ago or 100 years ago," Pfaltzgraf said.

All dialogue is sung and the



Abbie Baker/TRUMPET

The cast of "Albert Herring" stare at Alec Amosson, who played Albert, while he decides whether or not he will accept the position of king.

opera lasted approximately two hours.

An operatic voice is something that take much training and requires a level of intricacy, Pfaltzgraf said.

"It's really important that you're classically trained. Everyone who takes lessons, however, could learn how to have an operatic voice," Anna Javellana, who played Miss Wordsworth, said.

The cast spent Monday through Friday of last week practicing two hours each night plus extra rehearsals to get their parts down.

Alec Amosson, who played Albert, said he had to make sacrifices but that he also had a fun time playing his part.

"A lot of time went into it, but in the end it was worth

it," Amosson said. "I loved the songs I got to sing and I fit the character."

Marie Sorenson, who played Albert's mother, said she enjoyed being a mother and her first experience of being in an opera. Sorenson said she also enjoys being the bantering mother.

"Smacking Albert on the butt with a broom is pretty funny," Sorenson said.

The characters of the opera have a variety of personalities and can exist in every community, Pfaltzgraf said.

"No matter whom it is on stage anyone can relate to someone they know whether it is someone from their church, community or elsewhere," Pfaltzgraf said.

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KNIGHTLIFE

Wartburg alumna spent 23 years as missionary At age 94, Mildred Monke documented stories of her work in India

DANIELLE KRAMER STAFF WRITER

For Mildred Monke, age was never an issue. It didn't stop her from traveling the world, and it certainly did not stop her from writing a book.

At the age of 94, the Wartburg College alumna wrote a book titled "North Dakota to India: The Memoirs of a Missionary" about her travels to Southern India to help handicapped children.

Born on a farm near Regent, N.D., Monke left for India when she was 26 years old to work as a missionary for the American Lutheran Church.

While in India, she managed the Girl's Industrial School for Handicapped Children and Orphans.

"I made sure they got enough food and clothes and made sure they were happy," Monke said.

She saw an ad in the local newspaper for a position that would help manage a school for children in India.

"My mother said, 'if I were younger and I had this opportunity, I would take it.' So I answered the ad and they called me," she said.

She was told to prepare to leave for India but not to publicize

her trip. World affairs were on hold as nations prepared for a possible war against Hitler and Nazi Germany. It was possible this would delay mission work overseas, she said.

Only her immediate family, county officials necessary to get her a passport, her pastor and her doctor were aware of her travel preparations.

She notified her extended family and friends of her journey one week before her departure.

Monke boarded a ship and arrived in India during the first week of December 1938.

She arrived at her new home in the small village of Nayudupet.

"I was overwhelmed," she wrote in her book. "After all, I had packed a knife, fork, spoon and paring knife to live in a thatched-roof hut."

"Believe me, no one, and I mean no one, ever knew about that."

Monke said her experiences in India were a great eye-opener to other cultures.

"It was an experience altogether of living in a different culture," she said. "Meeting people from other countries, learning their ways and getting to know why

they did what they did was new for me."

Although the trip was a great experience, it was not without its challenges. She said it was difficult to manage the school while World War II raged on throughout Europe.

"At times I wondered why I was there," she said. "It got particularly difficult during the war."

When Japan invaded Burma and Thailand, Monke said it was too close for comfort. It was once reported that 150 Japanese ships were in the Bay of Bengal, only 20 miles from Monke's home.

"Living in a village on the main trunk road from Calcutta, we could hear the noise of the military vehicles as they drove south to Madras," she said.

"It was disturbing, to say the least, because we had so little knowledge about what was happening. We had no radio or TV, only rumors."

The war delayed her return to the U.S., but she found a way home in 1945. She went back to India two years later.

Some of her fondest memories are of her parents' visit in 1953. Her father's poor health caused her to leave India permanently in



1961.

She decided to write her book years after she returned from India because of the encouragement of her family and friends in both North Dakota and India.

"I had a lot of time," she said. "I was getting to be 90 years old, so my friends said, 'you're not going to remember your stories

for much longer, so you better write them down.' So I had a little laptop computer and wrote away."

Monke finished her book at the age of 94 and now the 98-year-old can call herself an author.

"It's amazing how unexpected things happen in one's life. You're going down one road and life takes you down another," she said.

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Recitals require music majors to demonstrate learning

TEALA KRAPFL STAFF WRITER

Biology students cram for lab tests, while English majors dissect the inner-workings of sentences. Each major has its own requirements and methods for testing students' learning.

Music majors are no different. While other students are studying in the library or gazing intently at computer screens, music students are at work in the practice rooms.

Each year, junior and senior music students perform recitals, an opportunity to showcase their

talents.

"I love to perform," Molly Greene, a music therapy major, said.

Greene, who will sing in her senior recital later this month, enjoys the experience, but said it is challenging.

"It's a little bit nerve racking," she said. "But knowing that my peers are watching and they have to go through it too is comforting."

Music majors are required to attend 12 recitals each semester. Greene likes the support she gets

from those who attend—even from students she doesn't know.

Music Department Chair Karen Black said attending recitals can be as beneficial for those watching as well as for those performing.

"[Listening] is a big part of training a musician," Black said.

Anyone is welcome, and encouraged, to attend the free recitals, which are performed throughout the year not only by juniors and seniors, but faculty and non-music majors as well.

Black said the recitals are a

great way to showcase students' learning.

"Most of what happens in [the area of music] is between an individual student and an individual teacher," Black said.

Recitals are an opportunity for a student to share their music.

"There are some great performers out there," Dani Johnson, a music education major, said. "We often don't realize the talent we're surrounded by."

Johnson said that performing in recitals has been a wonderful growing experience for her. When she first came to Wartburg she did not want to sing for other people.

Kat Bell, a music therapy major, will play the French horn for her recital next month.

"A lot of people don't know what kind of work is put into recitals," Bell said.

Greene, Johnson and Bell agree that many students fail to recognize what it takes to put on a performance.

"People tend to think that talent is just something you have or you don't," Black said. "But it really is an academic study."

She said that recitals are quite comparable to a senior capstone class.

"It is the culminating experience," she said.

Greene, Johnson and Bell have been preparing for their upcoming recitals for more than a year. They have put a lot of effort into choosing music that best shows their strengths.

"It is an expression of us and it is something that we definitely enjoy doing."

—Molly Greene

But before they are allowed to perform, they must go through a preview, which all three students cringed at the thought of.

"We put together a committee of [three or four] faculty members," Bell said.

"They ask questions like what the meaning behind the music is and then decide if you are ready to perform."

After they are given the go-ahead, students perfect their pieces for performance time, when they are critiqued on things like technique, sound and overall understanding of the music.

"I have a lot of pieces that I really enjoy," Bell said. "I'm having a lot of fun with them."

She added, however, that her senior recital will be a bittersweet experience.

"I think I'm going to miss [performing] a lot," she said.

"There is a lot of work that goes into it," Greene said. "But it is an expression of us and it is something that we definitely enjoy doing."

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2010 Tournament First Round Pairings

2010 Men's Basketball Tournament
First Round - Tuesday, Feb. 23

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#6 Wartburg (14-11, 8-8 IIAC)

@ #3 Loras (15-10, 10-6 IIAC) @ 7 p.m.

Loras won the last meeting on Saturday 82-80. However, the Knights won the first meeting back on Dec. 10, 86-71. Kelly McCarville leads the Knights with 18.0 points per game. Tim Kelly is first in scoring for the Duhawks with a 13.4 scoring average.



#5 Cornell (15-10, 9-7 IIAC)

@ #4 Dubuque (17-8, 10-6 IIAC) @ 7 p.m.

Cornell defeated Dubuque in Mount Vernon in the first game on Dec. 10 in OT, while Dubuque won at home in the second meeting, 67-64, on Feb. 6. Taylor Blum leads Dubuque in scoring with 21.8 points per game, while Cornell has three players that average 13.

#6 Loras (12-13, 7-9 IIAC)

@ #3 Wartburg (18-7, 12-4 IIAC) @ 7 p.m.

Wartburg won both meetings this season. In the first meeting on Dec. 10, the Knights won 62-61 in Dubuque. On Saturday, Wartburg won 64-50 at home. Samantha Harrington leads the Knights with 12.7 points per game. Lindsay Bava leads Loras with an average of 14.7.



#5 Dubuque (15-10, 9-7 IIAC)

@ #4 Buena Vista (16-9, 10-6 IIAC) @ 7 p.m.

Buena Vista defeated Dubuque on Feb. 17, 79-63, in Storm Lake. However, Dubuque defeated Buena Vista in Dubuque 74-62 on Jan. 18. Jennifer Nichols is Dubuque's top scorer with 16.0 points per game. Margo Muhlbauer leads Buena Vista with a 22.3 scoring average.



Men face Loras in first round

FROM PAGE 8

p.m. as they face the No. 3 seed Loras in the first round of the conference tournament.

"Everybody we've played thusfar, other than Central we've beaten, so we know what we are capable of and it's a matter of our guys staying focused and concerning themselves with the things we preach every single day in our practices," Peth said.

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IIAC Men's Basketball Standings

Teams	Conference	Overall
Central	14-2	21-4
Buena Vista	10-6	14-11
Loras	10-6	15-10
Dubuque	10-6	17-8
Cornell	9-7	15-10
Wartburg	8-8	14-11
Luther	6-10	12-12
Simpson	3-13	6-19
Coe	2-14	4-21

Wrestlers gear up for Div. III championships

FROM PAGE 8

to keep the momentum going."

Eight of the 10 championship matches featured Wartburg wrestlers. Mark Kist (125 lbs.) lost to Clayton Rush of Coe in a 5-1 decision.

Jacob Groth (149 lbs.) lost to Jason Pyle of Luther in an 11-5 decision to finish second.

Carrington Banks (165 lbs.) lost his championship match to Josh Terrell of Dubuque via a 4-1 decision.

Dylan Azinger (174 lbs.) lost in the finals to Evan Brown of Dubuque, in a 5-0 decision.

Todd Becker (184 lbs.) lost in overtime in his championship

match to Tyler Burkle of Coe.

John Helgerson (Hwt.) lost a close match to Allyn Plattner of Luther, 6-5.

Matt Kelly (141 lbs.) finished in third place when he defeated Kevin Bokoski of Luther in an 8-3 decision.

Adam Weber (157 lbs.) also took third place after defeating Dale Handley of Coe in a 4-3 decision.

The NCAA Div. III championships will be held in Cedar Rapids on March 5 and 6.

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Back in 1992

George H. W. Bush was President
Cost of a gallon of gas was \$1.05

February 23: The Winter Olympics were held in France

Brett Favre makes his first start for the Green Bay Packers

Olympic gymnast Shawn Johnson was born

Information from: thepeoplehistory.com, olympic.org, packers.com/history/brett_favre_bio, shawnjohnson.net

Changes that may never occur

FROM PAGE 8

There will be no change to the BCS

Face it people, if it hasn't happened now, what makes you think Div. I football will go to a playoff?

It has already outlasted the Bowl Coalition and the Bowl Alliance systems combined. And let's not forget that people do like watching the bowl games.

They might not watch the Champ Sports Bowl or the Frito Dorito Bowl (made that one up), but they do tune in for the big ones like the Rose Bowl or the Orange Bowl.

Plus, there's the matter of how would the playoff work? Would it be only conference champions? How do you determine at-large bids? What about the mid-majors?

Do you shorten the college football schedule so that schools can end their season before finals? How will it work?

I certainly don't have the answers. Maybe you have them.

There will be no overtime changes for the NFL

I admit I'm not a fan of the

current overtime rules for the NFL. And all the statistics favor changing the overtime rule. But do you really think the NFL will attempt to do the same type of overtime that college football has?

I know Vikings fans are still upset about the NFC title loss to the Saints. Especially since the Vikings didn't get a possession opportunity in overtime.

The easy answer would be to say you don't let it get to the point of overtime. It's similar to boxing. You don't want the judges to decide a match if it goes 12 rounds. So the smart strategy would be to win the game in regulation. Right Vikings fans?

The Cubs will never win a World Series

I cried inside when I typed it out now. Every year, I find myself losing more faith in the Cubs making it to the Series.

The Magic Sports Fairy seems to be a little preoccupied with giving World Series titles to Philly, Boston, New York, even Florida. The Magic Sports Fairy even got

the White Sox a World Series title.

Out of all the ones on here, this is the one I hope I'm the most wrong about. However, if it hasn't happened now, when will it happen?

The Yankees will continue to spend dough on free agency

Let's be real, the New York Yankees will always spend the big money in free agency. It's New York; it's all about bringing in top talent for large sums of cash.

They did it with Babe Ruth. They did so with Reggie Jackson. And they've done it for any free agent acquired in the past 10 years.

Now maybe I'm wrong in that things won't change. I hope I am wrong.

Maybe the Sports Magic Fairy will make these things happen. And then again, maybe there is no Fairy and I'm an idiot for even suggesting that such a Fairy does exist (I'm pretty sure I am one).

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SPORTS

Knights focused on conference championship

ERIC THIELE ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg indoor track teams continued their strong season with 13 individual titles for the women and nine for the men at the Wartburg Invitational in Hoover Fieldhouse on Saturday.

"We are just trying to get ourselves ready for conference and to be at our best," head coach Marcus Newsom said.

On the women's side, Faith Burt won the 55-meter dash with an NCAA provisional qualifying run of 7.19 seconds. Burt also won the 200-meter dash in a time of 25.52 seconds.

Skye Morrison continued her strong season as she won both the long jump and the triple jump. Her long jump of 5.72 meters automatically qualified her for nationals.

"It was good in terms of her consistency, and I felt great about her ability to compete. This is where our training comes in to put us in a place to be successful this time of the year," Newsom said.

Amber Axon tied for first in the high jump with a height of 1.56 meters.

In the 55-meter hurdles, Stephanie Carroll took first place in an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 8.44 seconds. Brittany Thomas followed in second place with a provisional qualifying time of 8.50 seconds.

Nicole Calabrese won the mile in a time of 5:09.81.

In the 4x400-meter relay, the 'B' team for Wartburg won with

a time of 3:56.61, an NCAA provisional qualifying time. The 'A' team took second place with a time of 3:58.47, a provisional qualifying time as well.

Nevada Morrison won the 400-meter dash with a provisional qualifying time of 58.03 seconds.

Chelsey Jacobs took second place in the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.64 seconds, a provisional qualifying time.

Jennifer Kuiken won the 800-meter run in a time of 2:18.84.

In the 4x200-meter relay, Wartburg won with a time of 1:44.25.

The Knights also won the 4x800-meter relay in a time of 9:16.52, a Hoover Fieldhouse record.

Laura Sigmund won the 3000-meter run with a time of 10:48.67.

"I think we can have a good number of athletes who can make it to nationals with both men and women staying focused and I think we can make things happen," Skye Morrison said.

On the men's side, Larry Johnson won the 55-meter hurdles in a time of 7.96 seconds.

Nick Lee took first place in the 3000-meter run in a time of 9:04.38.

Jon Sturm took first in the mile with a time of 4:29.96.

Marquis Stephens won the 55-meter dash in a time of 6.57 seconds.

Skyler Ahrens took first in the long jump with a winning jump of 6.74 meters.

The Knights won the 4x800-meter relay with a time of 8:19.73.



Courtesy of Sports Information

Laura Sigmund, No.6, and Lori Tlach, No. 4, lead the pack during the 3000-meter run. Sigmund won the race in 10:48.67 and Tlach followed in a close second in 10:48.91.

"I am very happy how our seniors have taken to the younger guys and really shown them what the tradition is all about here. I feel very good about the things we did, especially leading into the week of conference," Newsom said.

The Knights also won the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:25.74.

John Koehler won the 400-meter

dash in 51.58 seconds.

In the 800-meter run, Jon Schultz took first place running a 1:58.84.

Overall, the women's team won the meet with 317 points and the men's team won with 248.5.

The team will continue their season on Friday and Saturday as they will compete in the IIAC Indoor Championship meet in

Storm Lake.

"We need to get some rest. The practices will be short and sweet so we can be fresh for the conference meet.

"We need to be sharp for the conference meet to compete at a level we are capable of," Newsom said.

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Women's basketball clinches third seed in IIAC tournament

LUKE ULLESTAD
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Knights defeated the Loras Duhawks, 64-50, Wednesday night to wrap up their regular season schedule at 18-7 overall and 12-4 in the IIAC.

Katie Zittergruen led the Knights with 12 points. Leslie Wilson posted 11, while Samantha Harrington and Emily Timmermans each added 10.

Loras gained an early seven-point lead, 14-7, with just less than eight minutes into the game.

However, the Knights managed to go on a scoring run and regain the lead going into halftime, 30-24.

"We weren't very aggressive in the first half from an offensive standpoint.

"We didn't get to the line very much, but we did a lot better in the second half of putting more pressure on the defense and getting to the foul line," head coach Bob Amsberry said.

The Duhawks came within four points of taking the lead a couple of times during the second half.

Wartburg continued to add to their lead by increasing the margin to 15 with just over five minutes left in the game, 55-40.

A three-pointer by Alex

Hudson with 51 seconds left cut the Wartburg lead to nine.

Harrington and Wilson sealed the game after connecting from the foul line and moving the Knights to victory, 64-50, over the Duhawks.

Last Saturday, Wartburg came up victorious and a sweep of the series against rival Luther in Decorah, 57-54.

The sweep over the Norse was Wartburg's first season series sweep since 2002-03 season.

"Any time you can win on the road in our league is big. I've been saying all year that if we defend, we will have chances to win.

"If you look at the last couple games, we've held teams to 54 and 50 points. If we are able to do that every night, we will win every night," Amsberry said.

Free throws were an important part of the Knights victory, especially in the second half, when they hit 15 out of 17 free throws to help seal the game.

Harrington led the Knights offensively with 16 points, with five coming in the last two minutes of the game.

Abi Weidemann added 10 points, along with eight from Zittergruen and Hollee Silvey.

Wartburg will host Loras as the Knights enter the conference tournament as a No. 3 seed. Tip off is slated for 7 p.m. on Tuesday in Buzz Levick Arena.

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IIAC Women's Basketball Standings

Teams	Conference	Overall
Simpson	13-3	20-5
Coe	13-3	18-7
Wartburg	12-4	18-7
Buena Vista	10-6	16-9
Dubuque	9-7	15-10
Loras	7-9	12-13
Luther	4-12	9-16
Cornell	3-13	8-17
Central	1-15	2-23

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Track wins in home finale
The Wartburg Indoor Track teams picked up individual wins in its Indoor Invitational.

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday	Women's Basketball vs. Loras- 7 p.m. Men's Basketball @ Loras- 7 p.m.
Friday	Indoor Track @ IIAC Championship @ BV
Saturday	Indoor Track @ IIAC Championship @ BV Men's Tennis vs. Grinnell- 9:30 a.m. Men's Tennis vs. UW-La Crosse- 4:30 p.m.

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Conference tourney set for Wartburg

Men's basketball takes sixth seed in tourney after Loras loss

LUKE ULLESTAD
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg men's basketball team fell in a battle with the Loras Duhawks Wednesday night, 82-80, as the Knights conclude their regular season schedule.

Four Knights' players posted double figures with Mitch Eslick and Kelly McCarville each scored 16, while Jordan Sathoff posted 14 and Travis Temple added 11 points.

Loras also had four players in double figures. Connor Mooney led all scorers with 20 points.

The Knights stretched their lead to nine points twice during the first half and went into halftime with a five point lead, 44-39.

The Duhawks took the lead early in the second half, 46-44,

after a lay up from Gleason at the 18:21 mark.

However, Sathoff got the crowd on their feet after a slam dunk to put the Knights back on top, 50-49, with just under 17 minutes to go in the game.

Darian Patterson and Temple led the Knights to an 8-0 scoring run to increase their lead to 12, 68-56, with 9:31 left.

Since that point, the Duhawks managed to go on a 13-5 scoring run to regain the lead, 72-69, with 5:28 to go in the game.

With 2:38 left in the game, the Duhawks finished on a 10-2 scoring run to sneak past the Knights with an 82-80 victory after a three-point basket from Gleason.

"The two most important things are that we need to defend and rebound well at Loras on Tuesday," head coach Dick Peth said.

Mitchell Murphy set the all-time record in assists in a season with 145. His seven assists moved him past Casey Cason dating back to the 1987-88 season.

"It's a nice honor, but I have to thank my teammates for

knocking down the shots. I mean I just pass the ball and give it to them, so I have to thank all of my teammates," Murphy said.

On Saturday, Feb. 13, the Knights fell to Luther in Decorah, 54-52.

Luther held Wartburg to 15 points in the first half, while the Norse posted 24.

Luther led throughout the duration of the second half.

McCarville cut the Norse lead to one, 53-52, after a three-point play with just over a minute to go.

A foul by Eslick put Luther to the line to seal the deal and gave the Norse a 54-52 victory over the Knights.

"Losing to Luther in a rivalry game is always disappointing. I felt like we really defended pretty well by holding them to 52 points, but we just couldn't make enough plays at the end of the game in order to pull it out," Eslick said.

The Knights finish the regular season with an overall record of 14-11 and 8-8 in the IIAC. They take the floor Tuesday at 7

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Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Mitch Eslick goes for a jump shot against Loras in the home season finale on Wednesday night. Eslick scored 16 points in the game.

TOURNAMENT PREVIEW

For a preview of the men's and women's Iowa Conference Basketball Tournament

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Wrestling wins 18th straight Conference title

ANDREW NOSTVICK SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg wrestling team saw two wrestlers win conference titles en route to their 18th straight Iowa Conference title on Tuesday night at Buena Vista.

The Knights haven't lost a conference tournament since 1992.

Wartburg was able to send all 10 wrestlers to the NCAA Div. III tournament.

Wartburg narrowly won the team title with a score of 176.5. Coe finished in second with 167 points.

"We were ranked sixth at the beginning of the year, we weren't favorite to win anything this year. Then we go win conference and get 10 guys to Nationals," head coach Jim Miller said. "That hasn't been done very many times."

Byron Tate (197 lbs.) won his first conference title after defeating Coe's Rob Kramer in an 8-3 decision.

Tate won his first two matches of the day by pinfall, defeating Luther's Jack Steinberg in 44 seconds and Robert Widmer of Cornell in 1:29.

"I always wanted to be a part of keeping the Wartburg tradition alive, winning as many conference titles as we could," Tate said.



Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Sean White (133 lbs.) grapples with his opponent en route to winning a conference title. White was one of two Wartburg wrestlers to win individual titles and one of 10 to advance to Nationals.

Sean White (133 lbs.) was the other conference champion for the Knights. White defeated Nicholas Nothorn of Cornell College in a 3-0 decision.

White also won his first two matches of the day by pinfalls. White defeated Brendan Murphy of Loras in 2:34. In the semifinals, he defeated Jeff Sand of Simpson in

2:38.

"I took it one match at a time and focused on each one individually," White said. "Each match I went into

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FROM THE BULLPEN

Some things not meant to happen

ANDREW NOSTVICK SPORTS EDITOR

It's funny how we always hope that things will change for the better in the world of sports.

We operate under the pretenses that something that seems impossible to happen in the world of sports can really, really happen.

Maybe if we really wish for it, the Magic Sports Fairy will wave

the wand and make the dreams come true.

However, as I get older, I've come to the realization that the Magic Sports Fairy will not be granting these wishes.

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